



THE CUB REPORTER

Rocky Mountain Elementary

October 2026

Learning, Growing, Achieving Together

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

by: Mr. Honeyman

Data-Driven Learning & Support

With assessments and screeners complete, our team is putting that data to work. Students are being placed into targeted Tier 2 and Tier 3 groups for pre-teaching or enrichment to ensure every child continues to grow. ILPs will be mailed soon, and parents will be able to see what we are doing and give us feedback.

Fostering a Love for Reading

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) was a huge success last month—students loved taking home brand-new books! Thanks to our supporters and book fair proceeds, we also continue our birthday book tradition, letting every child select a special book to keep during their birthday month.

New CTE Classes for Grades 3–5

Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes are kicking off for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. These hands-on learning opportunities will be taught directly by our district CTE Director.

Building Vocabulary at Home

Strong literacy skills start with everyday habits. You can support your child's vocabulary at home simply by reading together, having regular conversations, and using rich language—like swapping "big" for "enormous."

"When you read, you can go anywhere. When you're kind, you can reach anyone."

What this means: "When you read, you go anywhere" is about how books expand your mind. Reading breaks physical limits; it lets you travel through time, explore different worlds, and see life through someone else's eyes without leaving your chair. The second half: "When you're kind, you can reach anyone" is about how empathy breaks emotional barriers. Kindness builds trust, softens conflict, and connects people across different backgrounds, ages, and perspectives.

Winnie the Pooh



RMES CALENDAR

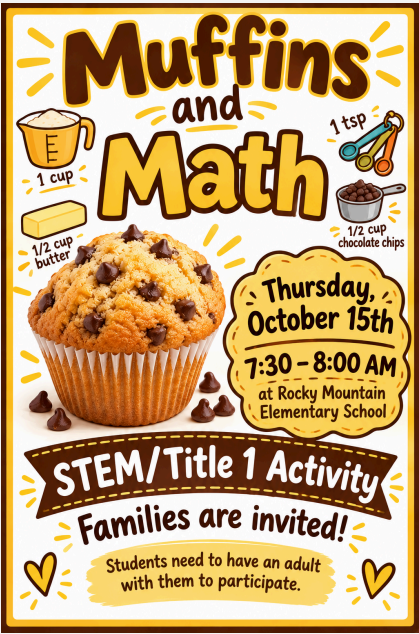
- Oct. 2: Picture Retakes
- Oct. 8: 1st Grade Field Trip-Corn Maze
- Oct. 8: 3rd Grade Field Trip-Zoo MT
- Oct. 9: Fire Prevention Assembly
- Oct. 12-15: Homecoming Week-(Dress Up Days info will be sent home soon)
- Oct. 13: Preschool Field Trip-Deaver Fire Hall
- Oct. 15: Muffins and Math Activity @ 7:30 AM
- Oct. 15: Homecoming Parade @ 10:00 AM
- Oct. 16: No School-Fall Break
- Oct. 19: No School-Teacher Inservice
- Oct. 20: Preschool Family Night @ 6:00 PM
- Oct. 21: 5th Grade Field Trip-Bozeman
- Oct. 22: 2nd Grade Field Trip-Cody/Powell
- Oct. 30: Halloween Parade @ 10:00 AM
- Nov. 10/12: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Assembly @ RMHS

Office News

Lunch Money

Lunch balances can be found on your PowerSchool account. The district will email you when your child's lunch balance falls below \$10. The office will also send a text notification when the balance is below \$0. We have a new and convenient online pay system. You will need your child's PowerSchool ID # which can be found on their PowerSchool home screen. Here is the link.

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PE News

by: Mrs. Cooley

We are in the middle of our Fitness Testing! We have completed our shuttle run, sit ups and sit and reach. We have our pushups and the "long run" left. We are planning on running next week. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather stays nice! Please remember to send your child to school with tennis shoes on their PE days. Boots, dress shoes, and sandals are not suitable for running and playing in the gym. Class schedules have changed a bit this year. Classes for 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades (Winland and Bassett) are held on Mondays and Wednesdays, while Kindergarten, 1st, 4th and Mrs Wacaser's 5th grade have classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We understand that it can be challenging to provide tennis shoes for your child. If you are unable to do so, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for assistance.

Music News

by: Miss Asay

We have been busy in the music room!!! We have been playing Boomwhackers, Orff instruments and rhythm sticks. We are also getting ready for the Veteran's Day performance in November. I look forward to making music with the students daily!! There are so many more fun sounds to make and songs to sing. Thanks for all your hard work!! ~Miss Asay

Title 1 News

by: Mrs. Townsend

Last month our Title I staff was introduced and now I would like to share what Title I is. Title I is a program designed to provide additional academic support to students who may benefit from extra instruction and practice. We work closely with classroom teachers to identify areas where students need additional support and provide targeted instruction in areas such as reading, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and mathematics. Students may work with us individually or in small groups. Our goal is to provide students with extra time, practice, encouragement, and instruction they need to strengthen their skills and become more confident, independent learners. Please visit with your child to see how they benefit from having a Title I program within their school. We are looking forward to our family activity "Muffins for Math", on October 15th at 7:30 am. Our activity is sure to "measure up" so don't miss it!

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 MISSION STATEMENT:

Big Horn Co. School District #1 seeks to prepare each student to successfully live and contribute in an ever-changing world.

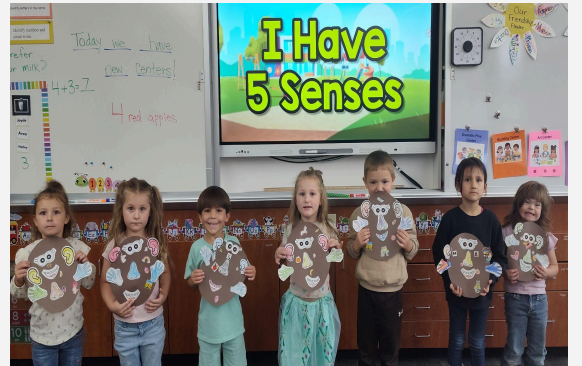
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- Title IX Coordinator - Curriculum Director (307) 548-2254 • Section 504 Coordinator - Special Services Director (307) 548-2238
- Superintendent - (307) 548-2254 • Big Horn County SD #1 | 99 S DIVISION ST | PO BOX 688 | COWLEY, WY | 82420

Preschool News

By: Mrs. Christiansen

We just finished up learning about our 5 senses and how they help us be aware of our surroundings. We are learning all about Apples! We are identifying the parts of an apple and what makes them grow! We will read a story about Johnny Appleseed and how he left behind thousands and thousands of apple trees all across America. We also have our very own farmers market! We are working on identifying the letters A, M, & L. In October we will also be learning about Fire Safety! We will have a field trip to the Deaver Fire Hall, October 13th. We will also have a Preschool family night October 20th at 6:00.



Kindergarten News

By: Mrs. Robertson & Mr. Winland

Kindergarten is off to a great start! Our students have been working hard to learn and follow our classroom routines and expectations, and we are so proud of the progress they have already made. September has been a busy month filled with learning, growing, and getting to know one another. As we head into October, we are excited to continue building on the strong foundation we have started together! Throughout October, we will continue hammering away at our foundational skills while also building finger strength to improve our fine motor skills. We have also started blending sounds together to make words, which is an exciting step in our reading journey! In Math, we will continue practicing identifying two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes while learning how we can compose shapes to create new ones. We will also begin counting and writing numbers to 20! In Science, we will be learning about germs and how they work, including ways we can help prevent the spread of germs. In Social Studies, we will be learning about rules, why we have them, and what respect and authority look like in our school and community. We are off to a great start in Kindergarten, and there is so much more learning and fun ahead! We are excited to keep growing, learning, and becoming the best little Grizzlies we can be!



Reading Buddies!

Each Friday Kinders and 3rd Graders read together.



Learning Typing Skills in Computers

1st Grade News

By: Miss Bryson

First grade has been working away! In math we have finished writing numbers 1-120 and are now working on counting on to add and subtract, and fact families. In reading we are still working toward being able to tell the first sound of a one syllable word, and reading one syllable words with blending. In writing we are working on our handwriting and being able to form letters properly. We are also working on identifying nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. Along with what makes a sentence complete. In social studies we are learning about maps. We also will be taking our first field trip to the corn maze! I can't wait for another great month!

Sincerely, Miss. Bryson



2nd Grade News

By: Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Snyder

Dear Second Grade Parents,
Thank you for your continued support. October is a busy month for us. We will have a pumpkin book project, a field trip, and a Halloween party. Look for more information coming soon. In reading, we are working on story structure. In our CKLA knowledge unit, we have been studying ancient India and China, learning what makes a civilization. In math, we will soon begin 2-digit addition and subtraction. We will also begin a science unit centered on plant and animal adaptations. We will work on narratives for about a month.

Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Snyder



Getting new books at RIF Day

3rd Grade News

by: Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Moore



Constitution Day Mock Trial

Third grade is off to a roaring start! We have been busy learning, exploring, and having fun!

In ELA, we are learning about animal classification and practicing how to write informative reports.

In Math, we have officially begun multiplication! Please help your child practice their multiplication facts at home. A few minutes of practice each day can make a big difference!

In Science, we are exploring traits, inheritance, and life cycles and learning how living things are similar and different.

We had a wonderful time participating in a Mock Trial presented by Judge Wonnell. The students enjoyed learning more about the Constitution, laws, and how a courtroom works!

Zoo Field Trip Coming Up! We are excited to be taking a field trip to the zoo! Please plan to send a sack lunch with your child. Watch for more information about this exciting adventure!

Halloween Parade & Party: Our Halloween parade and classroom party will be held on Friday, October 30th. We are looking forward to celebrating together! More information will be coming home soon.

Thank you for all you do to support your third grader. We are having a fantastic year so far!

4th Grade News

by: Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Riddle



A great Yellowstone trip

October is here and 4th grade is moving along. We just had our Yellowstone field trip, and it was a wonderful day. In math we are adding and subtracting larger numbers and then moving on to multi-digit multiplication and division. In reading, we will be finishing up personal narratives and starting our Medieval Times unit in CKLA. This is always a favorite for the students. In Social Studies, we are researching our state and creating a project to present that research. Your students will be experts on Wyoming! In science, students are learning about different types of energy and how energy can convert from one form to another. In writing, students will be working on an opinion paper and learning how to work through the writing process. Book club is in full swing, and we have been having some great book club meetings, which go so well when students come prepared with their reading finished and packets filled out. Everyone is working hard and learning so much. Make sure you ask your student about their day!

5th Grade News

by: Mrs. Bassett, Ms. Wacaser, and Mr. Winland



CTE Hands on Activities

ACCELERATED READER | Keep Exploring Through Books!
Don't forget about Accelerated Reader! Students should be reading regularly and taking AR quizzes after finishing their books. Every book is another adventure!

GREAT AMERICAN CHALLENGE
Keep working on the Great American Challenge! A little practice each week is much easier than trying to learn everything at once later in the year. Keep exploring, practicing, and making progress!

SAVE THE DATE — BOZEMAN FIELD TRIP!
Our 5th Grade Bozeman Field Trip has been scheduled for October 21! 🎉

More information and details will be coming as we get closer, but please mark October 21 on your calendar.

There is a lot happening in 5th grade, and we appreciate your help keeping our young explorers reading, learning, practicing, and prepared for each new adventure!

Ahoy, Grizzly Explorers and Families!

Our 5th graders have packed their bags, grabbed their maps, and are continuing their journey through another great school year! We have lots of new territory to explore in the weeks ahead. Here's a look at where our learning expedition is taking us!

MATH | Multi-Digit Multiplication
Our mathematicians are setting sail into multi-digit multiplication! Students will be working on strategies to accurately multiply larger numbers and apply their skills to problem-solving.

SOCIAL STUDIES | Explorers
A perfect fit for our theme! We are beginning our study of the Age of Exploration. Students will learn about early explorers, their journeys, advances in technology, and how exploration changed the world.

SCIENCE | From Space to Ecosystems
We are finishing our journey through Stars and Planets and will soon be heading back to Earth! Our next science adventure will focus on ecosystems and food webs, where students will explore how living things depend on one another.

CKLA READING | Maya, Inca & Aztec
Our reading journey is taking us back in time to the great civilizations of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec. Students will explore their cultures, accomplishments, beliefs, and ways of life while continuing to build strong reading and comprehension skills.

5TH GRADE BOOK CLUB | WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Every student is currently reading a chapter book as part of our 5th Grade Book Club. Students have assigned reading to complete during the week and are expected to write summaries of what they have read. At the end of the week, they meet with their Book Club group to discuss their reading and share their summaries.

We need a little help from home! Some students are falling behind on their required reading and summaries. Please check in with your child during the week and ask:

“Are you caught up on your Book Club reading and summaries?”

A quick check-in at home can make a BIG difference. Students need to come to their group prepared so everyone can participate in the discussion.



A SPOOKY-SWEET MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE!

Trick-or-Treat Tips for a Happy & Healthy Halloween!

1 Enjoy your treats!

Halloween candy is part of the fun—just try not to eat your whole stash at once!



2 Eat dinner first.

A full tummy makes it easier to enjoy a few treats without going candy-crazy!



3 Don't forget your water!

All that walking, running, and trick-or-treating can make you thirsty.



4 Brush those fangs!

Brush your teeth really well after enjoying your Halloween goodies.



5 Be bright & be seen.

Carry a flashlight or glow stick and stay where drivers can see you.



6 Check before you munch.

Have a grown-up check your candy before you eat it—especially if you have food allergies.



7 Walk, don't run.

Use sidewalks, look both ways, and stay with your group.



8 Most important—HAVE FUN!

A little candy + lots of laughs + safe choices = a great Halloween!





HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Jodi Winland, RN
School Nurse
Big Horn County School District #1

